



EUROPEAN SMEs

according to the Annual Report on European SMEs 2018/2019

1 SMEs AS THE BACKBONE OF EUROPEAN ECONOMY

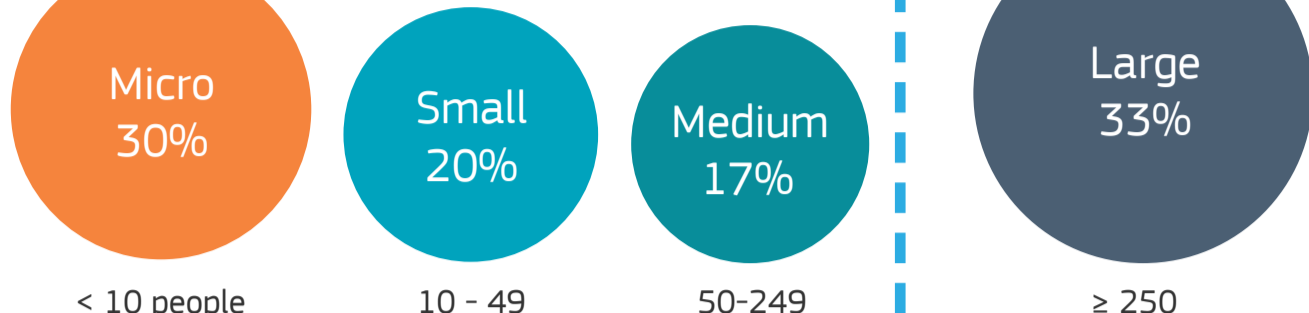


SMEs EMPLOY 2 OUT OF EVERY 3 EMPLOYEES AND PRODUCE 56 CENTS OF EVERY EURO OF VALUE ADDED¹



9 OUT OF 10 EU SMEs ARE MICROS (less than 10 employees)

EMPLOYMENT SHARE PER SIZE CLASS



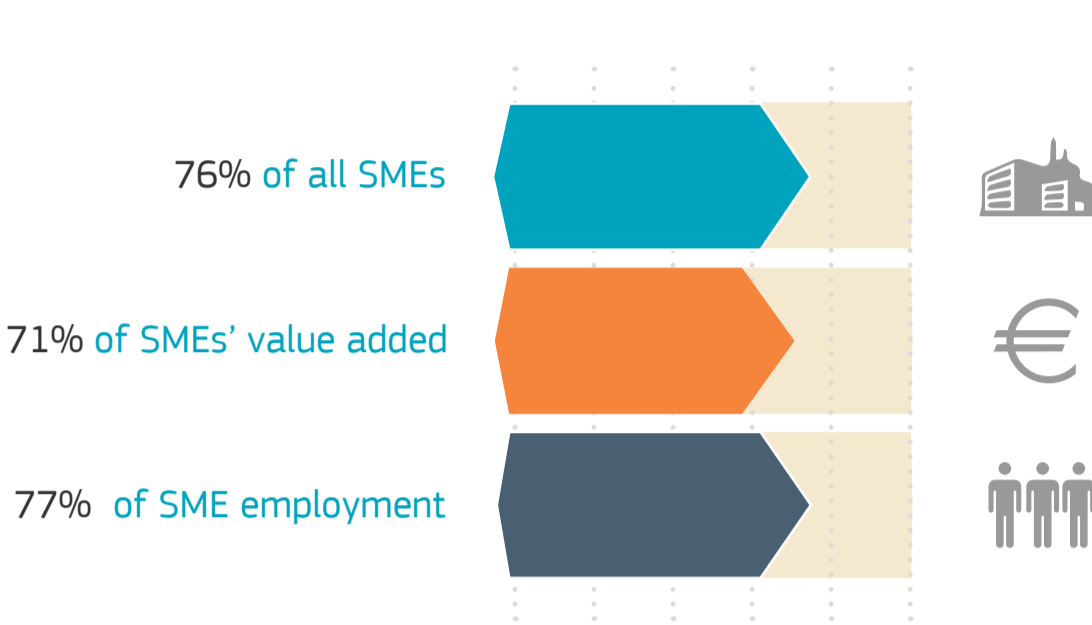
< 10 people

10 - 49

50-249

≥ 250

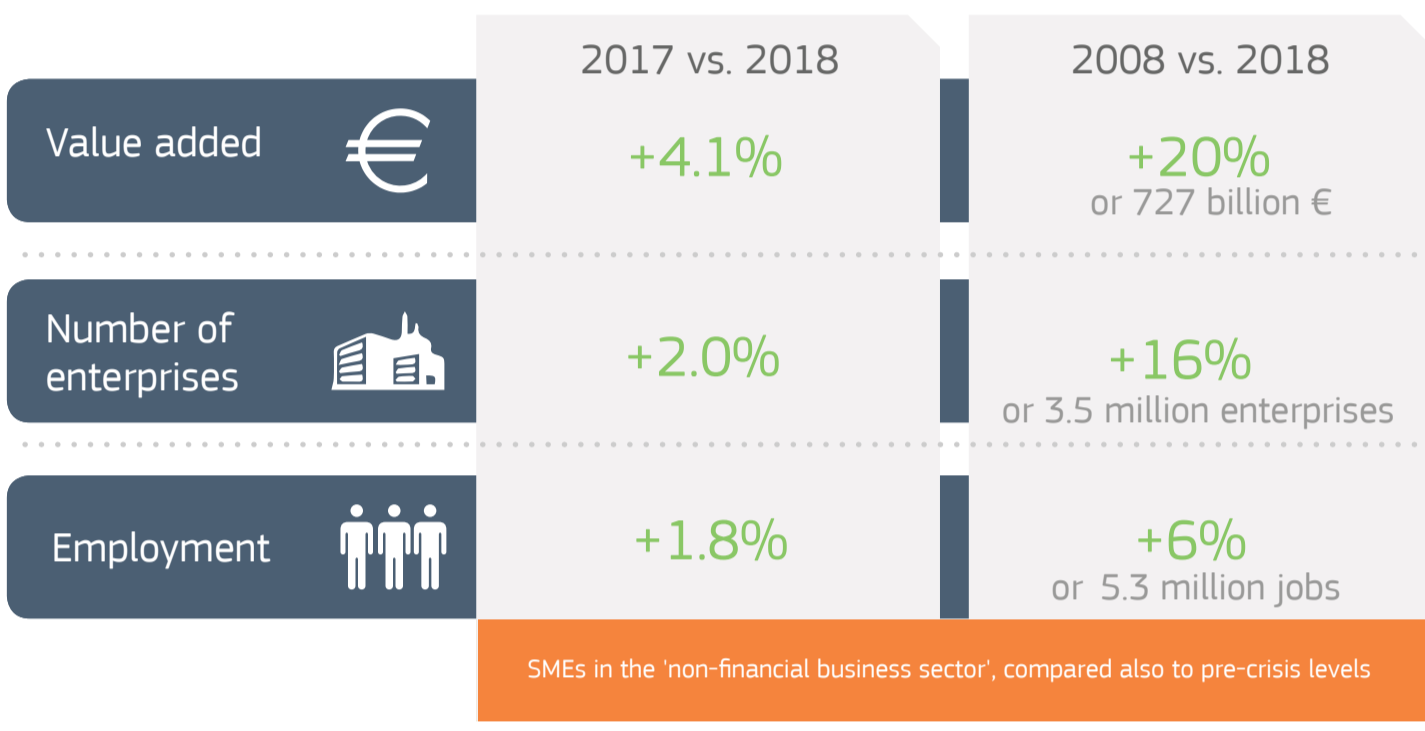
5 KEY SECTORS² ACCOUNT IN 2018 FOR:



¹ Value added = net contribution of the company to the economy

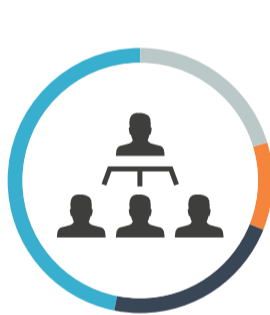
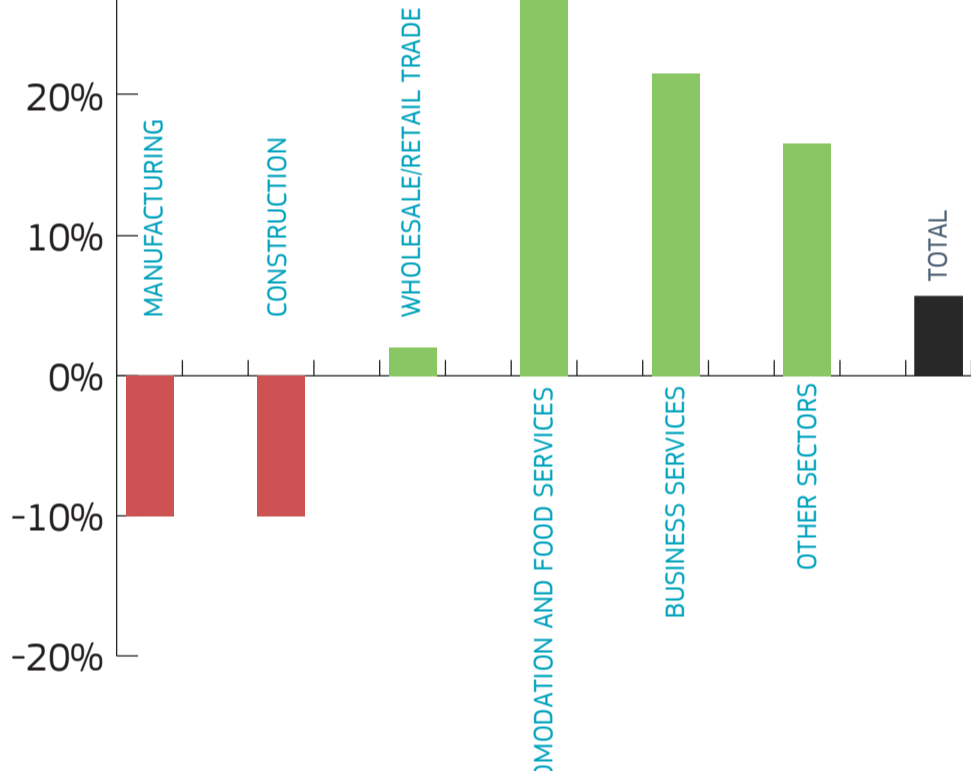
² Manufacturing, construction, business services (professional, scientific & technical activities), accommodation and food, wholesale and retail trade

2 SMES' STRONG RECOVERY CONTINUES

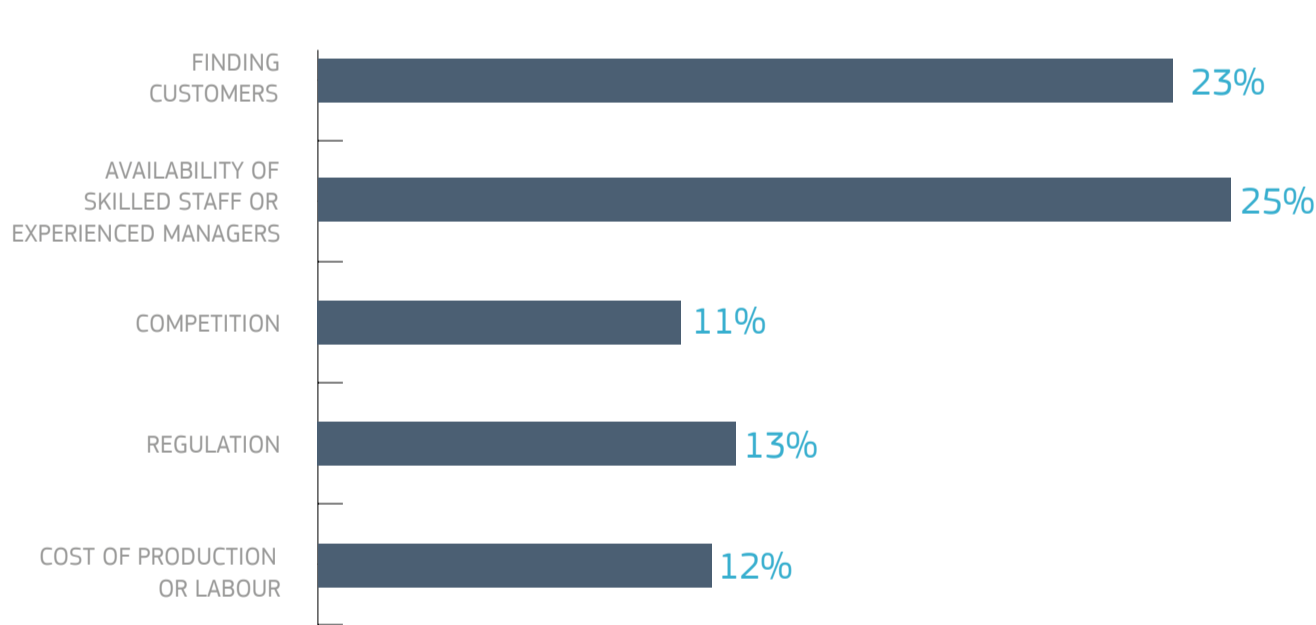


FULL RECOVERY IN ALL SECTORS, ONLY CONSTRUCTION AND MANUFACTURING STILL LAG BEHIND

Employment growth in SMEs by sector (2008 – 2018)

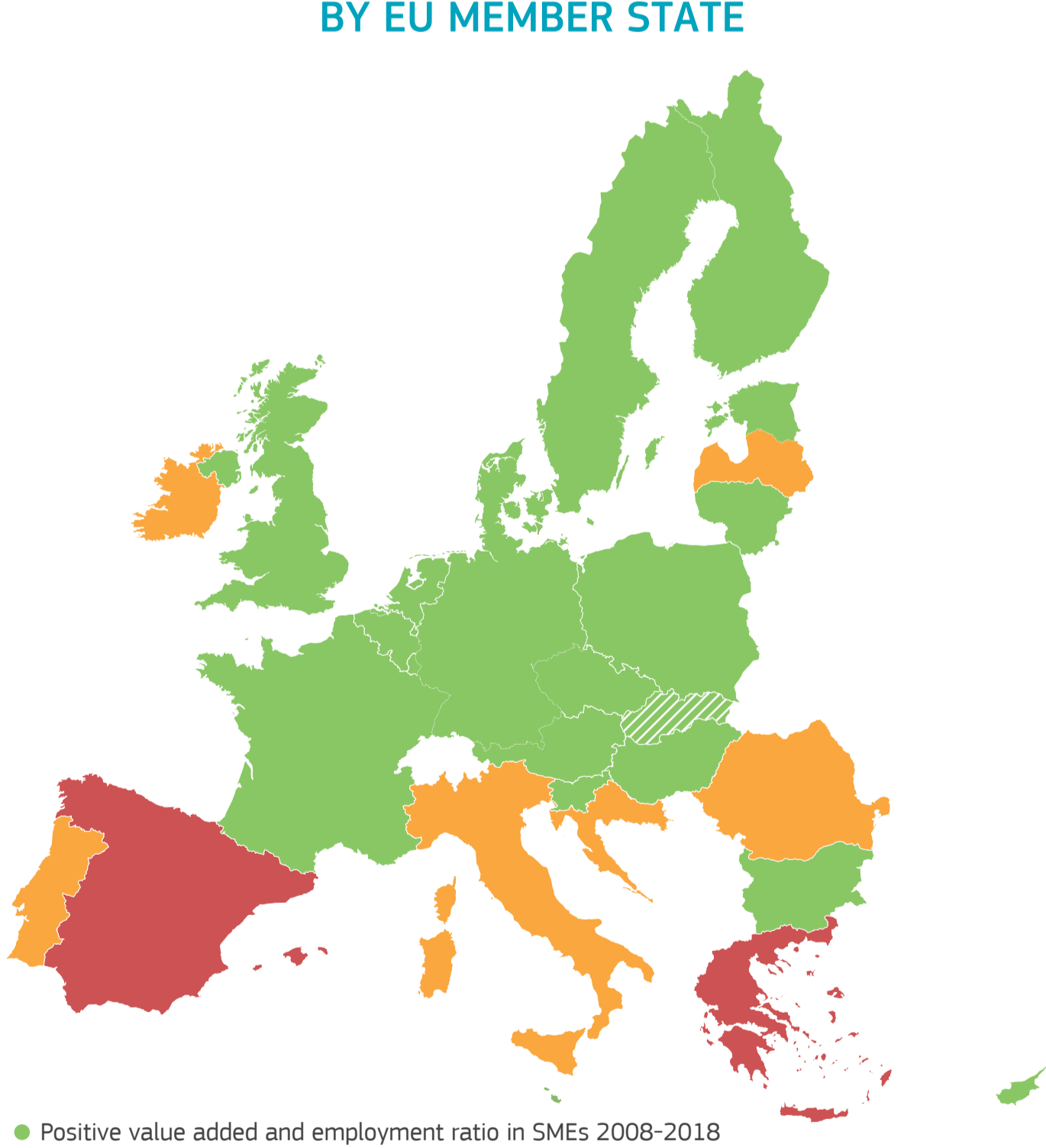


EU-28 SMEs' most pressing problems in 2018

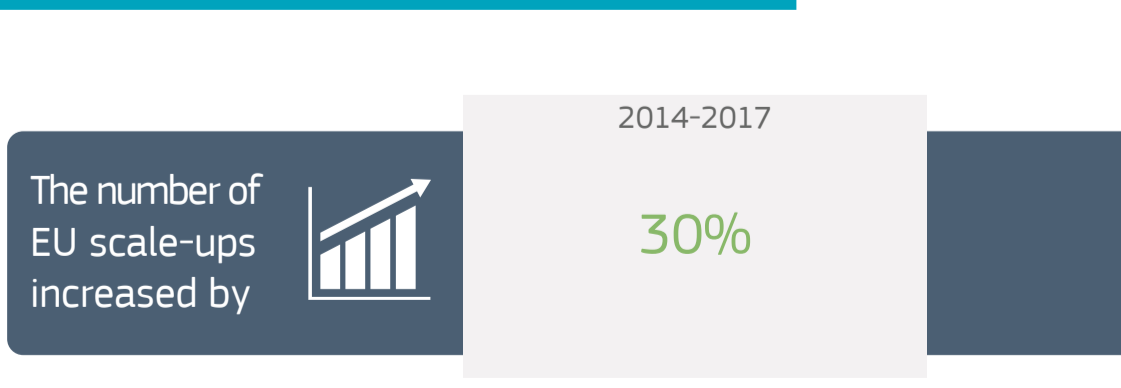


Source: 2018 Safe Survey

GRADE OF SME RECOVERY AFTER THE CRISIS BY EU MEMBER STATE



3 SCALE-UPS BENEFIT FROM ECONOMIC UPSWING



4 BRIGHT SME FUTURE EXPECTED

